

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

1-6. U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,159,632, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PUBLIC KEY EXCHANGE IN A CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEM"; 5,271,061, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PUBLIC KEY EXCHANGE IN A CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEM"; 5,463,690, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PUBLIC KEY EXCHANGE IN A CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEM"; 5,581,616, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIGITAL SIGNATURE AUTHENTICATION"; 5,805,703, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIGITAL SIGNATURE AUTHENTICATION"; and 6,049,610, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIGITAL SIGNATURE AUTHENTICATION"; each disclose the use of a class of numbers in the form of $2^q - C$ which make modular reduction more efficient and, therefore, make cryptographic methods such as key exchange and digital signatures more efficient. The present invention does not use a class of numbers in the form of $2^q - C$.

7. The use of cryptographic key pairs was disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,200,770, entitled "CRYPTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS AND METHOD." U.S. Pat. No. 4,200,770 also disclosed the application of key pairs to the problem of key agreement over an insecure communication channel. U.S. Pat. No. 4,200,770 does not disclose a method of cryptography based on elliptic curves as does the present invention.

8. Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 186-2 (i.e., FIPS PUB 186-2) discloses a digital signature standard. In the appendix of FIPS PUB 186-2 are recommended elliptic curves for a 192-bit, a 224-bit, a 256-bit, a 384-bit, and a 521-bit digital signature. The

elliptic curves disclosed in FIPS PUB 186-2 are different from the elliptic curves used in the present invention.

9-10. A book by N. Koblitz, "A Course in Number Theory and Cryptography," (1987), and a paper by V. Miller, "Use of elliptic curves in cryptography," Advances in Cryptology - CRYPTO 85, LNCS 218, pp. 417-426, 1986, disclose the method of adapting discrete-logarithm based algorithms to the setting of elliptic curves. The elliptic curves disclosed in Koblitz and Miller are different from the elliptic curves used in the present invention.

11. A way to avoid explicit modular reduction is by carrying out arithmetic operations in the field F_p . This was first proposed by P. Montgomery in the paper "Modular multiplication without trial division," Mathematics of Computation, 44 (1985), pp. 519-521. This method has the advantage that it can be applied to both elliptic and non-elliptic cryptoalgorithms. However, Montgomery does not disclose the use of the elliptic curves of the present invention.



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